

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7660  
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E. O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINT, AF  
SUBJECT: REPORTED APPOINTMENTS TO THE NEW REGIME'S BUREAUCRACY

1. ACCORDING TO REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED, THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO HIGH LEVEL BUREAUCRACY UNDER THE NEW NATIONAL MILITARY REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (NMRS):

A. CO-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- SHAH MOHAMMAD DOST:  
ACCORDING TO OUR FILES HE IS A WELL KNOWN LEFTIST.

B. CO-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- ABDUL HADI MOKAMEL: A  
REPORTED LEFTIST WHO SERVED IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE DAOUD  
GOVERNMENT AS A DEPUTY TO FORMER MINISTER OF FRONTIER AFFAIRS  
(NOW AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA) PACHA GUL, WHO HIMSELF IS A KNOWN  
LEFTIST.

C. PRESIDENT TO ARIANA-AFGHAN AIRLINES -- MOHANNAD NADER KHAN:  
A SKILLED TECHNOCRAT WHO IS BEING MOVED FROM HIS PRE-COUP POST  
AS A DIRECTOR OF KABUL AIRPORT, AND WHO HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND  
USEFUL IN HIS RELATIONS WITH THIS EMBASSY.

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D. PRESIDENT OF THE AFGHAN AIR AUTHORITY -- NOOR MOHAMMAD  
DALILI; FORMER OF METEROLOGICAL SECTION OF THE SAME ORGAN-  
IZATION.

2. COMMENT: IT IS STILL MUCH TOO EARLY TO ASSUME THERE IS OR  
WILL BE A PATTERN TO THE NEW REGIME'S APPOINTMENTS, BUT THE

INCLUSION OF TWO KNOWN LEFTISTS TO THEIR FOREIGN MINISTRY  
PORTFOLIO DOES NOT NECESSARILY BODE WELL FOR THE INITIAL DIR-  
ECTIONS OF THE NMRC'S FOREIGN POLICY. THE OTHER TWO APPOINTMENTS  
ESSENTIALLY CONSTITUTE AN INCLUSION OF SKILLED TECHNOCRATS IN  
CRUCIAL POSITIONS.  
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